Writing an introductory paragraph…

1. State your topic. Do it in a question, or Make a bold and attention getting statement or open with statistics.

2. State your main idea/ opinion of this topic.

3. Give the strongest reason that supports your opinion/ idea.

4. Give another assertion or strong reason that supports your idea/ opinion.

5. Give a third assertion or strong reason that supports your idea/ opinion.

6. Indicate an opposing viewpoint to your opinion (it should be and argument that has some merit even though you don’t agree with the overall view point.

7. Provide a thesis which is the thing you are going to prove in each paragraph of your essay. Keep it simple, and make it fit into one sentence.